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1. The District Secretariats of the Communist Party in Slovakia have received circulars from the Central Secretariat of the Communist Party in Bratislava concerning the recruitment of volunteers for Korea.
2. The recruitment is being performed clandestinely among members of the Communist Party, and those volunteering receive financial awards. In the Poprad area it is reported that 12 persons have applied for service. Volunteers are to be concentrated at Votice near Prague.
3. At a Communist Party meeting held in Cheb, the District Secretary asked for volunteers to serve with the North Korean Army, promising them an initial reward of 30,000 kcs. It is not known if any persons were recruited.
4. In all the plants in Cheb, money is being collected to purchase a gift of four Red Cross cars for the North Korean Army, but contributions have been small. Openly the workers repeat the Communist Party slogan "Hands off Korea," but among themselves they say: "Why should we support Korea? If we really want peace not only from the west, we must support it ourselves."
5. Zahrousek, the Pilsen railroad director, is reported to have been imprisoned on 20 August 1950 because he refused to support the gift for Korea and because he declared that he would not support a war when the government constantly appeals for peace.

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